

UPDATE

STAFF NOTES

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE will begin within the very near future reviewing and processing applications for staff membership at the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center. Dr. Walter Okunski and Dr. Paul Panas are co-chairmen and they are assisted by Drs. James Esler, Herbert Hyman, James Sheets and Kenneth Weston.

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AN AD HOC COMMITTEE of physicians representing the medical staffs of the two parent hospitals is working toward the preparation of a single brochure that will outline educational opportunities for graduate physicians in the three-hospital complex, beginning with the 1975-76 fiscal year. Dr. Fred Fister, Director of Medical Education, is serving as chairman of that committee.

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STATUS REPORT ON THE PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION of the Hospital Center is approximately 84 percent complete ... and the project is on schedule.

TOTAL PROJECT COST is approximately \$25 million ... and the project is on budget.

VALUE of fixed and movable equipment is \$3.6 million. Approximately 85 percent of that amount has been committed to date. Deliveries are already being made and projected delivery dates also appear to be on schedule, with no delays in view.

MOVING DATE for administrative personnel from temporary offices to permanent quarters on the first floor of the Hospital is March 25.

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MORE ON CENTREX

AFTER THE CHANGEOVER from present telephone systems to Centrex on March 31 at 2:00 A.M., a corps of volunteers will be on hand for a two-week period to assist callers and direct them to the proper extension numbers within the three-hospital complex.

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A SERIES OF 5-DAY SEMINARS for extension users will be held throughout the day and evening hours at the Allentown Hospital and at Sacred Heart Hospital during the week beginning Monday, March 18. In addition, a special session has been scheduled for the Medical Staff Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, at Sacred Heart Hospital. Detailed schedules will be posted in both hospitals and all physicians are urged to attend at least one of these important sessions.

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NEW APPOINTMENT

ROBERT EWING has been appointed Director of Physical Plant, at the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center. A retired warrant officer, Mr. Ewing served as a chief of medical maintenance in the U. S. Army. From December, 1971 to August, 1972, he was chief engineer at the Allentown Hospital. His appointment at the Hospital Center becomes effective March 1.

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NURSING EDUCATION

A SPECIAL MEETING will be held at the Hospital Center offices on Wednesday, February 27, aimed at determining the requirements for clinical experience within the various nursing education programs of area schools. Some consideration will also be given to the problem of scheduling. Participants in the meeting will be the hospital administrators; Sister Eileen and Dr. Anne Winkler, directors of nursing schools at Sacred Heart and Allentown Hospitals respectively; the directors of nursing service, Ora K. Phillips (Allentown), Florence E. Brown (Hospital Center), and Robert Zentz (Sacred Heart); Lois Ewing, director of the Practical Nursing Education Program at Lehigh County Community College; Dean Charles E. Peterson, Cedar Crest College; Dean Ronald Rhein, Kutztown State College; and Rev. Alexander Pocetto, dean of the Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales.

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PERSONNEL NOTES

Applications for all positions at the Hospital Center will now be received and forms can be secured by calling the Center at 437-4872. Applications will be received in strict confidence. Only if, and when, an employment commitment is made will the parent hospital be informed. Interviewing will begin in mid-March and it is anticipated that applicants will be notified by May 1.

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